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Application No.: 09/819,063

Examiner: AMSBURY, Wayne P.

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For: TECHNIQUES FOR DEFINING,
USING, AND MANIPULATING
RIGHTS MANAGEMENT DATA
STRUCTURES

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and therefore before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the continued application. A copy of the listed document is also provided.

As the Examiner has been advised in previous submissions, InterTrust is engaged in an ongoing patent litigation with Microsoft Corporation regarding several InterTrust patents, at least some of which are related to this application. The undersigned is currently reviewing documents recently received in the course of that litigation for possible citation in this application and plans to complete the review shortly.

The undersigned respectfully requests that, prior to mailing a first Office action in this application before any subsequent Information Disclosure Statements are received, the Examiner contacts the undersigned at 650-849-6643 to check whether subsequent references have been submitted for consideration.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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